

August 4, 2008

Chad A. Stobbe
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Iowa Department of Natural Resources
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Dear Mr. Stobbe:

For the past 6 or 7 years I have been getting Hormel Foods' waste material. It has been spread on my farmland and I have been very impressed with the growth of the crops where we have spread it. I have significantly reduced my fertilizer costs. As you know commercial fertilizer costs have gone up substantially over the past few years.

The Chapter 121 regulations are what make this possible. We store the material safely and spread it safely following all the rules. An agronomist visits my fields every year and soil tests are done and all is going well. Why are you considering getting rid of these regulations that have benefitted my crops and my family for years? I don't understand. Please do not eliminate these regulations.

Sincerely,



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